

David Ralph Millard, Jr., was born at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri, on June 4, 1919. He grew up in Asheville, North Carolina, becoming an eagle scout, gold palm. At Asheville School for Boys where he graduated *cum laude*, he received the Robert E. Lee award for scholarship, leadership and athletics, was named to the All Western North Carolina football team (at center), and was elected captain of the track team and president of his class. At Yale University he made the varsity football (coached by Gerald R. Ford) and freshman wrestling teams and was undefeated light heavyweight on the boxing team in 1940 and University heavyweight in 1941. He received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1944 and interned in pediatric surgery under W. E. Ladd and R. E. Gross at Boston Children's Hospital.

During World War II he attained the rank of lieutenant (j.g.) in the U.S. Navy and after the war pursued further extensive training as a surgical resident under Barney Brooks at Vanderbilt University Hospital, a trainee with Sir Harold Gillies of London, a resident under J. B. Brown, L. T. Byars and F. McDowell at Washington University, St. Louis, a Fellow with C. L. Straith in Detroit, and as a senior resident under T. Cronin and B. Hardy at Baylor University, Houston. He served as chief plastic surgeon (rank: Major, U.S.M.C.) to the U.S. Marines during the Korean conflict.

In 1965 Dr. Millard was honored with a medal for his contributions in the field of plastic surgery by Komenius University in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, and was awarded the Order of Distinction by the Government of Jamaica in 1976 for his reconstructive work in the West Indies. In 1978 he received the Asheville School Award of Merit, and in 1979 the Honors Award of the Florida Cleft Palate Association. He won the First Prize in the Senior Division of the International Scholastic Contest sponsored by the Educational Foundation of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons for 1965 and 1968, and the Herbert Lipshutz Memorial Prize in 1976. He was appointed clinical professor of surgery and chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery at the University of Miami School of Medicine in

1967, was named to the newly-created Light-Millard chair of plastic surgery in 1974, and obtained the establishment of the Robert W. Johnson Fellowship, 1965–1969, and the Mary Maytag Fellowship, 1967–1978, for teaching postgraduate students.

Dr. Millard holds memberships in numerous professional organizations, including the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, the American Association of Plastic Surgeons, the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, the American Cleft Palate Association and the Society of Head and Neck Surgeons. He is a corresponding member of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons and a member of the Committee of One Hundred. He was recently named to the Founders' Club of the University of Miami. In addition, Dr. Millard has served as president of the Educational Foundation of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (1970–1972), as associate editor of the *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery* journal (1969–1975), and as a director (1973–1978) and vice chairman (1978–1979) of the American Board of Plastic Surgery.

In addition to *Cleft Craft*, Dr. Millard co-authored the two-volume work, *The Principles and Art of Plastic Surgery*, with Sir Harold Gillies, edited the *Symposium on Corrective Rhinoplasty*, and has published over 150 articles and book chapters. He presented the Gillies Gold Medal Lecture at the Royal College of Surgeons in London, 1971, the Edward P. Richardson Lecture at the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1974, and the George H. Monks Lecture at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and Boston Children's Medical Center in 1977. Volume I of *Cleft Craft* was awarded the R. R. Hawkins Award by the Association of American Publishers as the most outstanding book of 1976 in the fields of technology, science and medicine. His hobbies are water skiing, shooting and roping. *Sports Illustrated* reported a first when he spun a rope in a vertical loop while slalom skiing.

Dr. Millard says that the best thing that ever happened to him by far was "meeting and marrying the beautiful Barbara L. Smith" of Tulsa, Oklahoma, followed by the birth of their three children: David Ralph III, William Bond and Melaney Grace.